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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

Applicant's claim for foreign priority is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-7, 12-24, and 29-34, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Voticky et al.**, (Voticky) U.S. Patent No. **6,351,764**.

4. As to claim 1, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system comprising:

(a) a terminal from which a user is able to browse electronic messages, electronically sent out on a communications network and addressed to the user (col. 2, line 64 – col. 3, line 9);

(b) a permitted-sender list in which permitted-sender information about a permitted sender, whose every electronic message is permitted to be received by the user on said terminal, is registered (Fig. 3, col. 4, lines 14-24);

(c) sender information obtaining means for obtaining sender information from an individual electronic message addressed to the user (Fig. 3);

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(d) checking means for checking as to whether or not said sender information, which has been obtained by said sender information obtaining means, of the lastnamed individual electronic message is identical with said permitted-sender information registered in said permitted-sender list (Fig. 2, col. 4, lines 41-50);

(e) delivering means for delivering said last-named electronic message, which contains said last-named sender information registered in said permitted-sender list, to the user if the result of the checking by said checking means is positive (col. 4, lines 55-62);

(f) a message holder for temporarily holding every electronic message from any sender so as to be browsed by the user from said terminal (col. 4, lines 55-62);

(g) storing control means for storing the last-named electronic message into said message holder if the result of the checking by said checking means is negative (col. 4, lines 55-62);

(h) browsing control means for allowing the individual electronic messages, which have been temporarily held in said message holder, to be browsed by the user from said terminal upon a browsing request of the user from said terminal (Fig. 3);

(i) link setting means for setting a link between said sender information of an individual electronic message, which has been temporarily held in said message holder, and said permitted-sender list while the user is browsing the last-named individual electronic message from said terminal (fig. 4); and

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(j) registering means for registering said sender information of an electronic message in said permitted-sender list when the sender of the last-named electronic message is selected as a newly permitted sender by the user from said terminal (col. 8, lines 35-45).

5. As to claim 2, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 1, further comprising notifying means for notifying the user that an electronic message has been held in said message holder, if said message holder holds the last-named electronic message therein (col. 9, lines 32-46).

6. As to claim 3, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 2, wherein said notifying means performs the notification of said last-named electronic message held in said message holder, at prescribed time intervals (col. 9, lines 32-46).

7. As to claim 4, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein said electronic message is an e-mail (Abstract, Fig. 1, col. 3, lines 49-51).

8. As to claim 5, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 2, wherein said electronic message is an e-mail (Abstract, Fig. 1, col. 3, lines 49-51).

9. As to claim 6, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 3, wherein said electronic message is an e-mail (Abstract, Fig. 1, col. 3, lines 49-51).

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10. As to claim 7, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein said electronic message is a voice mail (Abstract, col. 8, lines 64-67).

11. As to claim 8, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 2, wherein said electronic message is a voice mail (Abstract, col. 8, lines 64-67).

12. As to claim 9, Voticky teaches an electronic message delivery system according to claim 3, wherein said electronic message is a voice mail (Abstract, col. 8, lines 64-67).

13. Claims 10-21 are essentially the apparatus and recording medium of the above-mentioned claim; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawki S Ismail whose telephone number is 571-272-3985. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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